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to the people of Alabama



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Governor Bob Riley, Chairman
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Dear Governor Riley:

Almost seventy years to the day that it was created, the Department of Human Resources found itself in a very familiar role: implementing a plan to aid, comfort and give hope to families in distress. When Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast in late August 2005, DHR employees were front and center coordinating the opening of shelters and helping other agencies distribute food and water to storm victims. With the cooperation of our partners at the federal level and our social service counterparts in Louisiana and Mississippi, we helped thousands of people seeking comfort and refuge from Hurricane Katrina.

Other Fiscal Year 2005 highlights included the release of the state's first-ever child welfare report card. Eighty-four (84) percent of the counties received the two highest possible evaluations, according to criteria approved by the Federal Court Monitor who is overseeing compliance with the R.C. Consent Decree. Statewide child support collections totaled almost \$272 million, setting a new record.

More than \$600 million in food stamp benefits was issued to needy families in Alabama. In addition to helping these families meet their nutritional needs, the money bolstered the state's economy. Alabama earned the largest High Performance Bonus in the history of the state's food stamp program for Fiscal Year 2005, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our food stamp staff at the state and county levels.

The agency investigated thousands of reports of abuse and neglect of children, disabled adults and the elderly. Although child abuse reports far outnumbered those involving vulnerable adults, we know adult abuse, neglect and exploitation is frequently unreported. Heightening public awareness of this despicable crime remains a top priority.

Seventy years after its creation, the Department of Human Resources remains as the vanguard in providing services and performing functions that are vital to Alabama's families and children. Inspired by the achievements and challenges recorded in this Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005, we look forward to the future with steely determination and an even stronger commitment to public service.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Page B. Walley, Ph.D.

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ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES 70 YEARS OF SERVICE

TO THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA

SOME SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

1935

The Department of Public Welfare was created to administer a variety of public assistance programs established under the Social Security Act. The agency absorbed the functions of the Child Welfare Department (except administration of the Child Labor Law, which was transferred to the Department of Labor). The Child Welfare Department had been created in 1919.

1975

Child abuse reporting requirements were strengthened under state legislation which clarified definitions of "abuse" and "neglect," provided for both mandatory and permissive reporting, and raised from 16 to 18 the age of children covered under the law.

1977

The new food stamp law ended the requirement that recipients purchase their food stamps.

1991

The R. C. case was settled and a consent decree was signed. The lawsuit was filed in 1988 on behalf of a foster child identified only by his initials, R. C., to protect his privacy. The agreement required the revamping of Alabama's child welfare system.

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1955

The Department of Public Welfare was renamed the Department of Pensions and Security. The old age assistance program was re-titled the old age pension program, and case workers were designated as "pension counselors."

1975

Alabama began implementation of its child support program. Under the federal law that created the program, families receiving Aid to Dependent Children were required to cooperate with child support collection efforts.

1978

The Alabama Foster Parent Association was formed. A group of foster parents and staff of the Department of Pensions and Security met in Montgomery to organize the new association.

1996

Federal legislation made sweeping changes in the nation's welfare system. The law imposed a lifetime limit for receiving welfare benefits and emphasized work requirements and job training. The legislation also created the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Block Grant, which replaced the AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) Program.

1936

Alabama became the first state to be approved for federal child welfare funds, and one of the first to receive funding for old age assistance and for aid to dependent children.

1974

New minimum standards for child care facilities, developed in compliance with the 1971 Child Care Act, were approved by the State Board of Pensions and Security.

1977

The Adult Protective Services Act went into effect. The legislation specified the services to be provided in order to protect vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect.

1986

The Department of Pensions and Security was renamed the Department of Human Resources.

Some basic facts about the...

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES



DHR'S MISSION

The mission of the agency is to partner with communities to promote family stability and provide for the safety and self-sufficiency of vulnerable Alabamians.

MAJOR PROGRAMS

The Department of Human Resources' major programs include: Family Services, Food Stamps, Child Support, Child Day Care, Adult Protective Services and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

DIVERSE RESPONSIBILITIES

The department has some of the most diverse responsibilities of any public or private agency. Although commonly referred to as the "welfare department," the agency's number one legal responsibility is to prevent abuse, neglect and exploitation.

The agency does play a major role in assisting needy families through administration of the Food Stamp Program and the welfare block grant (TANF). Support services are provided to help the families become self-sufficient. Many Alabamians are affected directly or indirectly by DHR programs, services or functions.

DHR BOARDS

DHR operates under the State Board of Human Resources. The Governor, who serves as Board Chairman, appoints the board members who serve six-year terms. The State Board approves major administrative actions, including the appointment of the Commissioner. The Board also approves the agency's operating budget.

The 67 county departments of Human Resources have boards that are appointed by county governments. City governments are involved in the appointment of County Board members in a few populous counties.

DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

The agency has about 4,300 State Merit System employees, most of whom work in county DHR offices. Social workers represent the largest category of DHR staff, although a variety of professions are represented within the agency.

HISTORY

The Alabama Department of Human Resources was created in August 1935 to administer programs that were part of the Social Security Act. These programs were developed to help Americans suffering through the financial hardships of the Great Depression. The agency's original name was the Department of Public Welfare. In 1955, it was renamed the Department of Pensions and Security. The current name was adopted in 1986. Some programs have changed over the years. However, the agency's primary goal has always been to help people with problems.

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

In Fiscal Year 2005, DHR's revenues and expenditures totaled \$1,236,876,866, including more than \$600 million in food stamp benefits. The federal government provided approximately 80% of the agency's funds. Sources of state dollars included the General Fund, the Special Education Trust Fund, whiskey and beer taxes, and other earmarked taxes. Most of DHR's federal funding comes through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

FAMILY SERVICES

LAST COUNTY ASSERTS COMPLIANCE WITH R.C. CONSENT DECREE

Fiscal Year 2005 began with the 67th and final Alabama county asserting that it is meeting the R. C. Consent Decree's high child welfare standards. Cullman County was prepared to make its assertion presentation in September 2004, but Hurricane Ivan forced a postponement until October, the first month of Fiscal Year 2005. Two months later, the Federal Court Monitor overseeing compliance with R.C. confirmed that Cullman County was meeting the standards set forth in the agreement.

Each county was required to make an assertion presentation documenting that the necessary child welfare improvements had been made. In addition to information from the county department of Human Resources, the presentations included comments from judges, school officials, law enforcement authorities and other members of the community about the improvements. The Court Monitor then evaluated the quality of services being provided, and determined whether the county was meeting the terms of the consent decree. In April 2005, the Court Monitor, Dr. Ivor Groves, confirmed that Baldwin County, the last county awaiting compliance confirmation, was meeting the high standards of the consent decree.

Staff of DHR's Office of Child Welfare Consultation began a series of training sessions in each region of the state to enhance county supervisors' ability to coach the Individual Service Planning Process. In addition, the agency's Office of Quality Assurance completed 15 on-site quality service reviews to gauge the sustainability of services required under R.C. The reviews identified 504 strengths and 70 areas in need of improvement. The results will be used to continue work on sustaining the high standards called for under the decree.

Alabama's child welfare system is a national model for excellence according to the Federal Court Monitor and other nationally recognized experts.

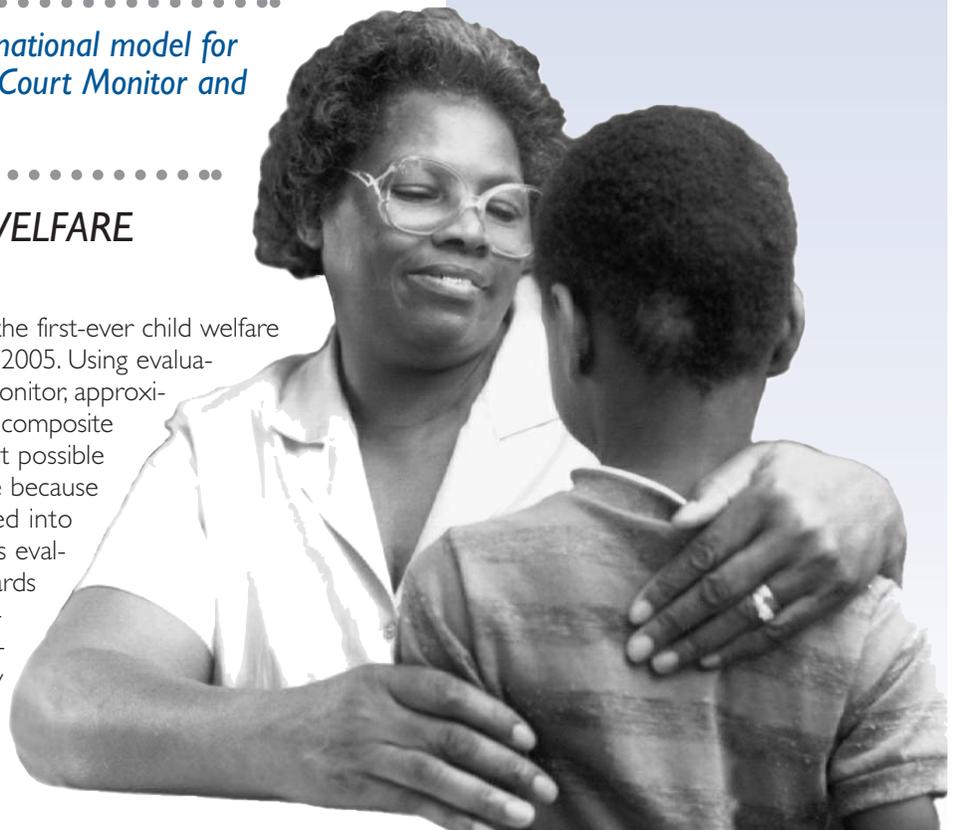
STATE'S FIRST-EVER CHILD WELFARE REPORT CARD RELEASED

Fiscal Year 2005 saw the historic release of the first-ever child welfare report card for the state of Alabama in July 2005. Using evaluation data approved by the Federal Court Monitor, approximately 84% of the state's counties received composite ratings of either AAAA or AAA, the two highest possible ratings. A total of 71 evaluations were done because the state's largest county, Jefferson, is divided into five child welfare regions, each of which was evaluated separately. The child welfare report cards were *not* a comparison of one county's performance to another. Rather, they represented the embracing of public accountability by measuring each county's performance in maintaining the consent decree's high child welfare standards.

2005

STATE'S PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN GARNERS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The results of the child welfare report card came after DHR received notice from the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that Alabama had successfully completed its Program Improvement Plan (PIP). Each state is required to set and meet some goals for improving services. Alabama met all of its PIP goals except its finalized adoption standard, which it missed by one tenth of one percent. Because of its outstanding performance, Alabama was one of only two states invited to a national conference in Washington, D.C. to assist other states with their Program Improvement Plans.



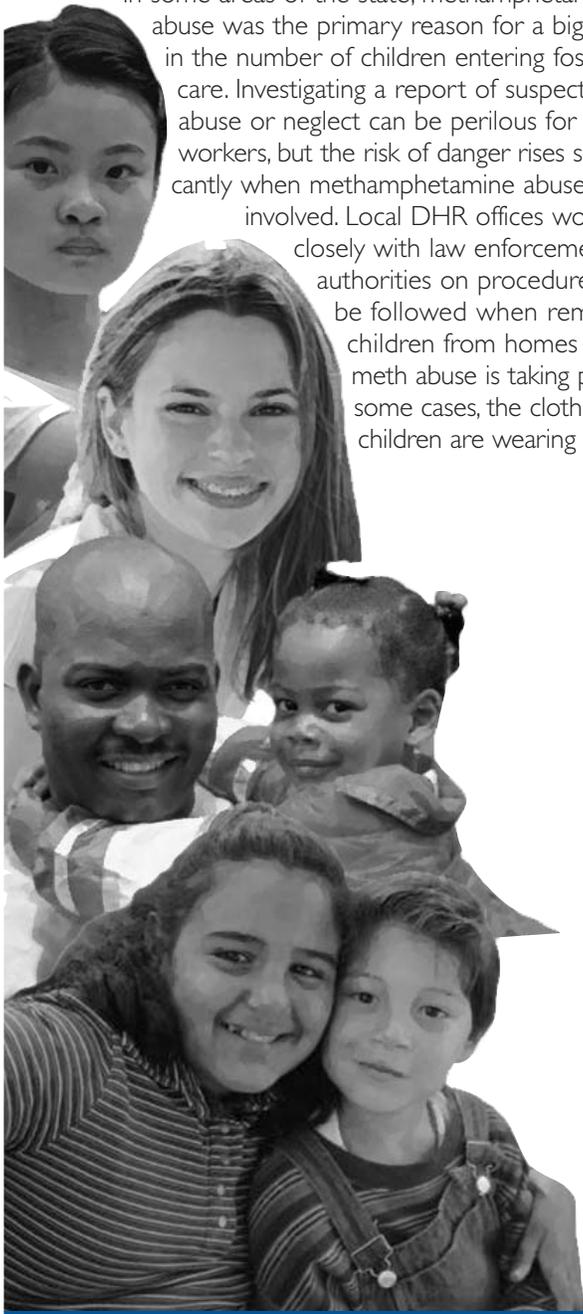
FAMILY SERVICES

DRUG ABUSE PUTS MORE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Meth abuse the primary culprit in some counties

A growing number of children are being placed in foster care because of drug abuse. Between fiscal years 2002 and 2005, statewide, more than 1,300 children entered Alabama's foster care system for the first time because of drug abuse by a parent or a caregiver. Almost 600 of these children entered care in FY 2005. It is not uncommon for the abuse of a combination of drugs to be involved in these cases.

In some areas of the state, methamphetamine abuse was the primary reason for a big jump in the number of children entering foster care. Investigating a report of suspected abuse or neglect can be perilous for social workers, but the risk of danger rises significantly when methamphetamine abuse is involved. Local DHR offices work very closely with law enforcement authorities on procedures to be followed when removing children from homes where meth abuse is taking place. In some cases, the clothing the children are wearing has to



Commissioner Page Walley, far left, and first lady Patsy Riley, center, attend Foster Care Month Celebration at Governor's Mansion.



be destroyed because of methamphetamine contamination. Along with the toxic fumes that are produced when the drug is being made, the mixing of the ingredients can ignite a powerful explosion. The impact of the meth problem on the foster care system was particularly acute in Dekalb, Cleburne, Cherokee, Geneva, Jackson and Marshall counties.

Statewide, 6,966 children were in DHR custody in FY 2005. Of this total, 3,045 were in traditional foster homes, 1,244 were in therapeutic foster homes, 1,656 were in group homes or residential care facilities, and 1,021 were in their own home or in the home of a relative.

INVESTIGATING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Whether suspected child abuse or neglect stems from a parent's drug abuse, economic pressures or some other factor, DHR is required by law to receive and investigate these reports. The agency investigated more than 18,500 reports in FY 2005, compared to more than 19,000 in 2004.

Child safety is the top priority in protective service cases. During the year, more than 650 DHR staff members received training on child safety assessment and management. The sessions consisted of three days of instruction.



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More Resources Dedicated to Adoption Services

During FY 2005, DHR placed 325 children with adoptive families, compared to 315 children the year before. A commitment of more resources produced the increase in the number of placements. The department hired additional staff to help match waiting children with families who were ready to give them a permanent home. Making the finalizing of foster parent adoptions a top priority and identifying post-adoption support services also contributed to the increase. A special bond frequently develops between foster children and their foster parents. Even in cases where the foster child is reunified with his family, separation from his foster parents can be difficult. In situations where parental rights are terminated, that separation anxiety is eliminated when the foster family adopts the child for whom they have provided comfort, care and safety. This joyful outcome was on the horizon for almost 400 children as the fiscal year drew to a close. The plan was for foster parents to adopt 380 children who were waiting for a permanent home. For 264 other children who were available for adoption, the waiting continued because no permanent home had been identified. The Department of Human Resources initiated the first Annual Permanency Conference for child welfare workers. They were equipped with the information necessary to develop a road map to permanency. The photos of almost 100 waiting children in Alabama were on the AdoptUsKids Web site at year's end. These photos and the "Answering the Call" publicity campaign continue to generate responses from families interested in adopting waiting children in Alabama.



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Camp APAC in Tallapoosa County. The camp is a post-adoption service provided through an agreement between DHR and the Children's Aid Society

STAFF DEVELOPMENT VITAL TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

Alabama's child welfare system is recognized as a national model for excellence. Staff development resources help maintain the services that other states are seeking to emulate. These efforts have been fruitful because DHR Field Administration continues to work closely with the University of Alabama School of Social Work and the Higher Education Consortium on Child Welfare (HECCW). The members of HECCW are the deans and directors of social work programs in Alabama. Under the leadership of the University of Alabama School of Social Work, the HECCW produced a core child welfare curriculum for use statewide. The HECCW coordinated with DHR to provide stipends to social work students who agree to complete internships and accept employment with county DHR child welfare programs upon graduation. Also during FY 2005, DHR and the University of Alabama School of Social Work provided regional workshops on family violence for 200 child welfare staff.

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The Department of Human Resources (DHR) is responsible for investigating adult abuse and neglect reports, and for providing protective services to vulnerable adults. In FY 2005, statewide, the agency investigated more than 4,900 reports, compared to more than 4,700 reports investigated the year before. The majority of the cases involved either self-neglect or physical neglect by family members. Community members made most of the reports of suspected maltreatment.

Because of an increasing number of older adults, there has been a concomitant growth in demand for the protective services provided through DHR. The agency is responding to this burgeoning demand with limited resources. To help maximize available resources, field consultants provided hands-on assistance during more than 170 visits to county DHR offices.

In some cases, the investigation of adult abuse, neglect or exploitation is particularly arduous because of the victim's physical or mental limitations. This sets the stage for unscrupulous individuals to exploit the situation. As part of DHR's ongoing assessment of client needs, a curriculum focusing on financial exploitation was added to basic training for adult protective services staff.

As with many societal challenges, helping vulnerable adults requires the cooperation of multiple public and private agencies and the community at large. The departments of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Senior Services, Public Health, Medicaid and others assist DHR in this effort.

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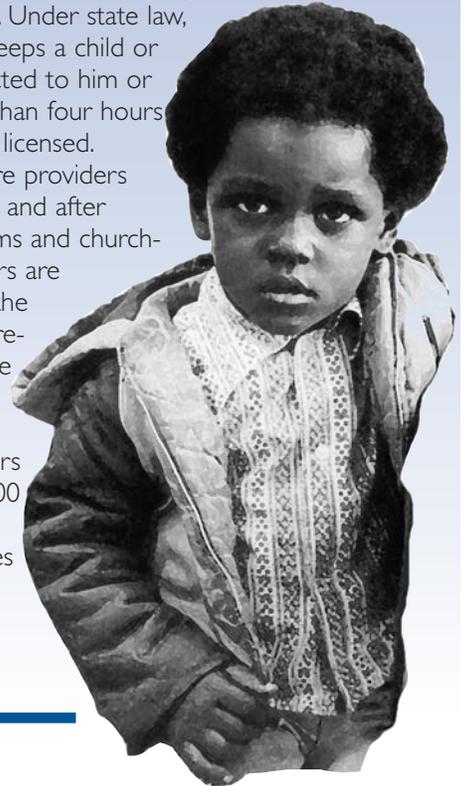
CHILD DAY CARE

A monthly average of 27,678 children received subsidized care through DHR in FY 2005, down from 29,986 the year before. The department spent approximately \$80.5 million on day care slots, compared to \$85.6 million in 2004, and \$108 million in Fiscal Year 2003. Because of competing budgetary needs, less money was transferred from the state's TANF Block Grant to child care. The department provides subsidized child care to low-income families, which enables the parents to be working, tax-paying citizens instead of relying on welfare payments.

In September 2005, 23 licensing consultants and five supervisors from the Office of Child Care Licensing participated in the National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA) curriculum training. The NARA is the primary source for training directly related to licensing. During the training which included, but was not limited to, 12 chapters and 40 course hours, topics covered

included complaint investigations, ethics, preparation for hearings, balanced use of authority and the history of licensing.

Knowledge of these issues is vital to meeting DHR's responsibility for licensing Alabama's child care providers. Under state law, anyone who keeps a child or children unrelated to him or her for more than four hours a day must be licensed. Some child care providers such as before and after school programs and church-affiliated centers are exempt from the licensing requirement. There are approximately 1,300 licensed day care centers and about 1,800 licensed family day care homes in Alabama.



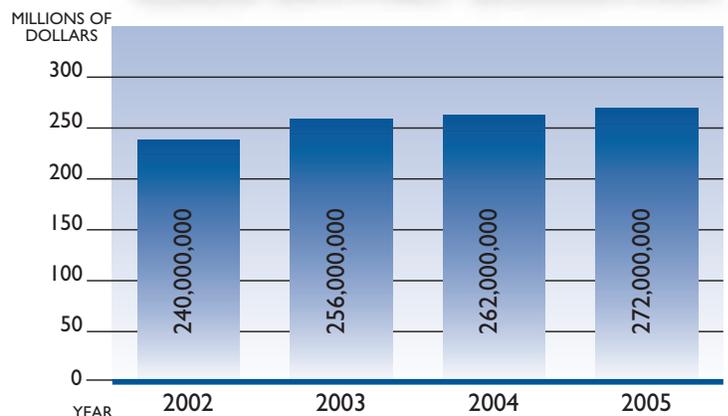
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Alabama set another record with almost \$272 million in child support collections in FY 2005. That broke the record of \$262 million collected in the previous year: FY 2002 through FY 2005, statewide collections totaled more than a billion dollars. The enforcement of child support laws ensures that minor children receive the financial support that they need and deserve from their parents. The record-setting child support collections were achieved through hard work, cooperation and coordination between district attorneys, judges, private attorneys under contract to DHR, and the staff of county departments of Human Resources. More than 193,000 children received support services during FY 2005.

The National Child Support Strategic Plan was the blueprint that was given to states in 2005 to maintain these very important services. The Strategic Plan includes: establishing parentage, obtaining and enforcing court-orders for support, and requiring that medical coverage is provided. A medical support requirement has always been a part of Alabama's child support program.

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CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION



FISCAL INTEGRITY

The Department of Human Resources recognizes its responsibility for ensuring that its billion dollar budget is used prudently and efficiently. The agency strives to achieve this goal by auditing programs and contractors, investigating vendor and employee fraud and theft, collecting overpayments, and by working with the state Attorney General's Office to prosecute fraud. The department recouped \$2.6 million in overpayments involving food stamp or TANF benefits. About \$900,000 of this amount was recouped through federal wage and benefit garnishments, and the interception of federal and state income tax refunds.

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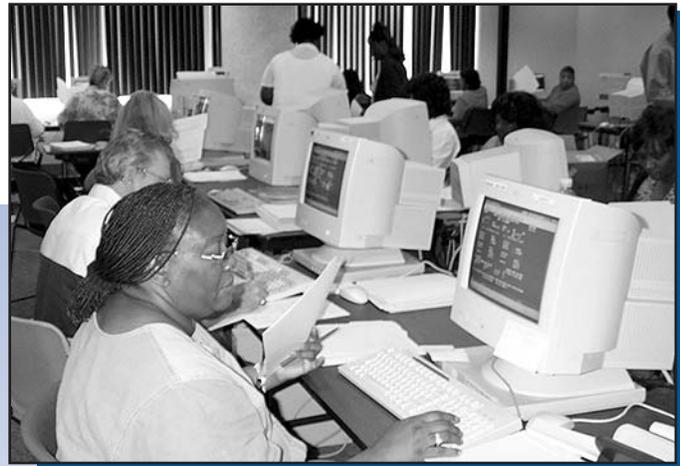
Major client fraud cases are handled through an agreement between DHR and the state Attorney General's office. Administrative remedies such as repayment of funds and disqualification from programs are sought in cases involving smaller dollar amounts.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE

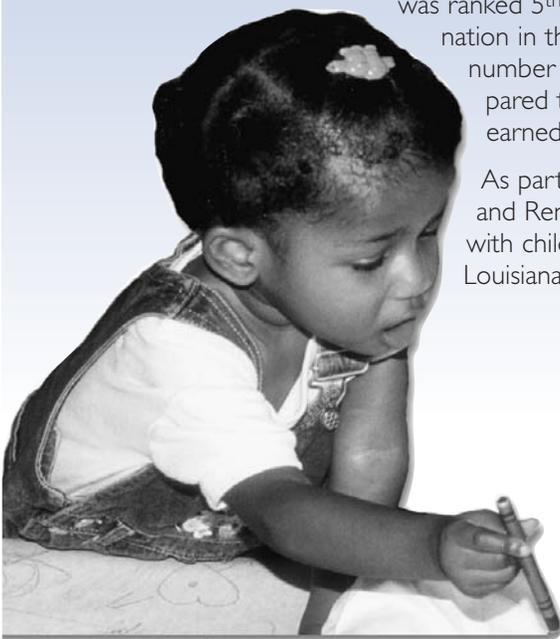
A monthly average of 20,488 families received welfare payments in FY 2005, up from 2004's monthly average of 19,266. The families received an average payment of \$192.14 a month. A total of \$47 million in Family Assistance Program benefits was paid in FY 2005. Alabama received a high performance bonus of \$620,343 from the federal Administration for Children and Families for work in the Family Assistance Program, in the category of "Improvement in Job Entry." The state was ranked 5th in the nation in the

number of welfare recipients who went to work during the fiscal year compared to the number from the previous year. Since 1999, the state has earned more than \$8 million in high performance bonuses.

As part of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, DHR developed the Stay Together and Renew (STAR) Program, which provided one-time payments to families with children who had to evacuate their homes in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Staff began taking applications in September 2005.



DHR Staff Processing applications for disaster benefits during Hurricane Katrina relief effort.



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FOOD ASSISTANCE

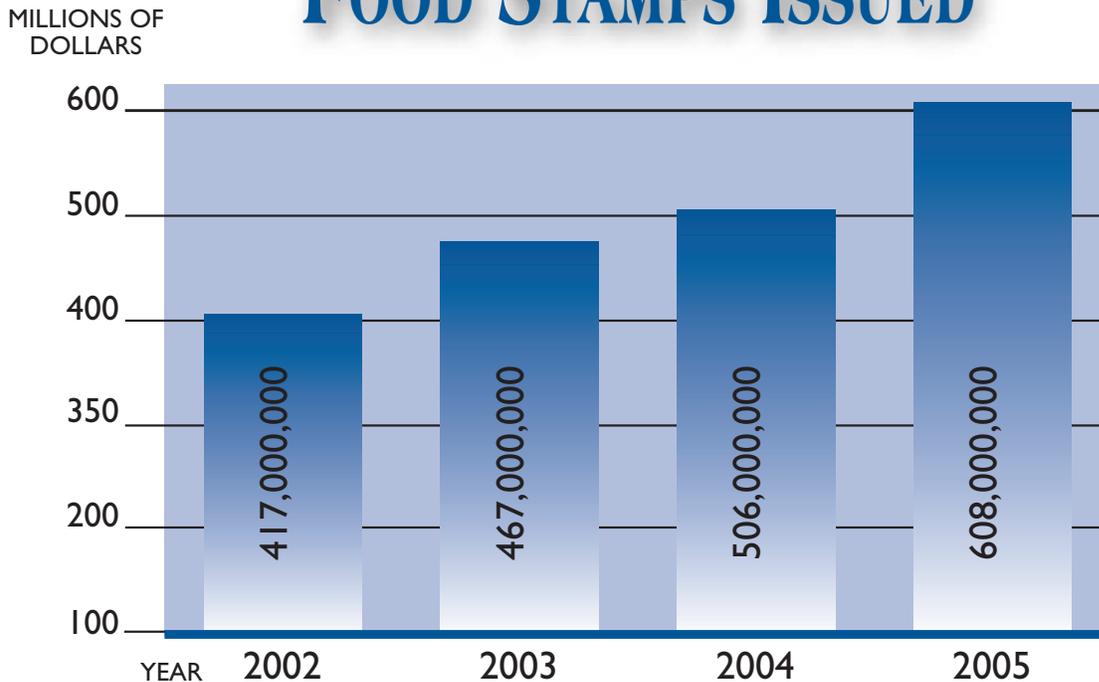
The average number of Alabama households using food stamp benefits to help meet their nutritional needs continued to climb during FY 2005. A monthly average of 216,417 households benefited from the program, compared to a monthly average of 197,237 the year before. In FY 2003, the monthly average was 185,028 households. A total of \$608.4 million in food stamps was issued statewide in FY 2005, supplementing the recipients' food budgets and bolstering the economies of the state's 67 counties. The total includes almost \$27 million in disaster food stamp benefits issued in response to Hurricane Katrina.

At the end of the previous fiscal year, Alabama was seeking federal authorization of a disaster food stamp program to help victims of Hurricane Ivan, which struck in September 2004. The U. S. Department of Agriculture approved the request, and the state issued more than \$37 million in disaster food stamp benefits. Food stamps are funded 100% with federal dollars. The states and the federal government split the program's administrative costs on a 50/50 basis.

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FOOD STAMPS ISSUED



ALABAMA AWARDED THE LARGEST BONUS IN THE HISTORY OF STATE'S FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Alabama earned the largest High Performance Bonus in the history of the state's food stamp program—\$4.3 million—for Fiscal Year 2005. Ten states, including Alabama, received bonuses for having the lowest food stamp payment error rates. The national average was 5.84 percent; Alabama's payment error rate was 3.68, seventh lowest in the nation. The state's \$4.3 million bonus was 18 percent of the total amount issued nationally. The state reached the milestone after facing federal penalties for high error rates in 1999, 2000 and 2001. When penalties are imposed, states face the prospect of having to pay a bigger share of the program's administrative costs, which are normally shared equally with the federal government.

The hiring of additional food stamp caseworkers, improving the technology available to staff and more thorough reviews of cases were primary factors in the sensational turnaround. The historic accomplishment drew praise from federal and state officials at a ceremony held at the State Capitol in Montgomery. Roberto Salazar, administrator of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service, called it a remarkable achievement. "Not only have you effectively reduced the number of errors made in over-issuing food stamps, but perhaps more importantly, you have made sure that those who are eligible were not short-changed," Salazar said. Governor Bob Riley and DHR Commissioner Page Walley commended state and county food stamp staff for the achievement. "Alabama has one of the lowest food stamp error rates in the entire nation, and it happened because many people at the state and local levels worked together to make the system better," Governor Riley said. Commissioner Walley praised the food stamp staff for the hard work and dedication that produced such spectacular results. "Our food stamp workforce is responsible for this remarkable accomplishment. We will use this money to improve and expand our services for Alabamians with food needs," Commissioner Walley said. Approximately 56 percent of eligible Alabamians are currently participating in the program. The national participation rate also is 56 percent. In addition to increasing program participation among eligible recipients, a portion of the bonus will be used to hire more food stamp staff and to continue technological improvements for the program.



DHR Commissioner Page Walley, left, Roberto Salazar (USDA), center, and Governor Bob Riley, right, at press conference where food stamp bonus check was presented.



Roberto Salazar, USDA Food and Nutrition Service Administrator, and DHR food stamp staff proudly pose with food stamp bonus check. Pictured with Salazar are from left: JoAnn Graham (Franklin Co.); Dorothy Sankey (Montgomery Co.); Juli Fuller-Rogers (Limestone Co.); and Debbie Jones (Coffee Co.)

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Don Arnette, Regional Administrator; USDA, far left; Mary Lois Monroe, DHR Asst. Food Assistance Director; Joyce O'Neal, DHR Food Assistance Director; Roberto Salazar, Administrator, USDA Food and Nutrition Service; and state Food Assistance staff display food stamp bonus check.

STATE, NATION LOSES LEGENDARY ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN

Children's advocates in Alabama and throughout the nation mourned the February 2005 passing of Miss Louise Pittman, who retired from the Department of Human Resources (DHR) in 1988 after a 50-year career. She served as director of DHR's Division of Family and Children's Services for 24 years. Before being hired as a special child welfare worker with what was then the Shelby County Department of Public Welfare in 1938, she was a school attendance officer in Colbert County for three years. Miss Pittman's approach in performing her duties as a truant officer provided a glimpse of the compassion and concern that would make her a renowned advocate for children. She was not content with simply making a written record of the circumstances that hindered the children's ability to get an education. Miss Pittman helped develop services to provide food and clothing for the children so they could go to school. She rolled up her sleeves and worked with church groups to set up soup kitchens in the economically depressed areas.

A nationally recognized expert on child welfare services, Ms. Pittman received innumerable honors and awards during her illustrious career. From Dadeville, Alabama where she grew up to Washington, D. C., she was universally respected for her dedication and commitment to children. She was actively involved with the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA), the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), the Alabama Conference of Social Work (ACSW), the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and many other organizations. She is among the honorees in the NASW Pioneer Room in the organization's national office in Washington, D. C. "The pioneers have prepared the way for thousands of other social workers to make their contributions to the betterment of the human condition. They are all role models for future generations of social workers," the NASW says on its Web site.

Miss Pittman's legacy of love and concern for children includes the role that she played in the passage of a state law that requires members of certain occupations to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect. Mandated reporters include school teachers, nurses, child care workers and others whose jobs afford them the opportunity to detect the possible mistreatment of children. She was also influential in strengthening child care laws, including requiring special training for child care workers.

During her career, Miss Pittman traveled all over the state and the nation on behalf of children. In 1960, she represented the state Department of Pensions and Security, renamed the Department of Human Resources in 1986, at the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

In May 1978, she was among the foster care experts who presented testimony at a hearing called by the National Commission for Children in Need of Parents. Miss Pittman testified about the need for more appropriate services and for smaller case loads for workers, years before the filing and subsequent settlement of the R. C. lawsuit. Her testimony was summarized in the May-June 1978 issue of Alabama Social Welfare. Miss Pittman acknowledged that "we have children who have been in placements which are inappropriate to their needs and who lack a permanent plan," but she also noted that a staff shortage had created large caseloads.

Miss Pittman concluded her testimony with an assessment that still has a familiar ring almost 30 years later: "From the administrator to the caseworker, professionals in public welfare in Alabama have real concern about foster care. There is credibility in our present system, although we need clearer data to document impediments. We acknowledge our problems but are still encouraged by our progress."

After more than half a century of distinguished public service, Miss Pittman could have chosen to relax and rest on her laurels when she retired in 1988. After all, her legacy as a champion for children was already firmly established. But, Miss Pittman rejected the notion that her retirement from government service meant that she would no longer be involved in community service. In fact, she was just as ubiquitous and as energized as she was before she retired. She continued to support efforts to protect and serve children, and she did not simply lend her name and reputation to these efforts. Miss Pittman continued to do whatever was necessary to help children. Whether it was making phone calls, writing letters, sharing her views at a community meeting, or enlightening a public official, Miss Pittman always made an impact.

As much as she appreciated the respect and support of her colleagues, Miss Pittman was never driven by a desire to receive awards for her work. The accolades that were heaped upon her simply meant that her work had helped ensure a better quality of life for children. Whenever her hard work did not produce the desired result, she refused to give up, because she understood that improvements in services had never come without a struggle. Miss Pittman succeeded because no obstacle she ever faced was bigger or more powerful than her commitment to children. It was that indomitable spirit that touched so many lives and made Miss Pittman one of the most revered members of the social work profession.



LOUISE PITTMAN

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR 2005

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$149,081,025	Supplies, Materials & Operating Expenses	5,838,074
Employee Benefits	52,691,737	Transportation Equipment Operating Costs	26,405
In-state Travel	6,579,044	Grants & Benefits	953,443,639
Out-of-State Travel	185,000	Transportation Equipment Purchases	0
Repairs & Maintenance	542,500	Other Equipment Purchases	2,982,359
Rents & Leases	15,335,947	Non-Expenditure Disbursements	0
Utilities & Communications	9,722,234		
Professional Services	40,448,902		<u>\$1,236,876,866</u>

SOURCES OF FUNDS

Federal and Local Funds

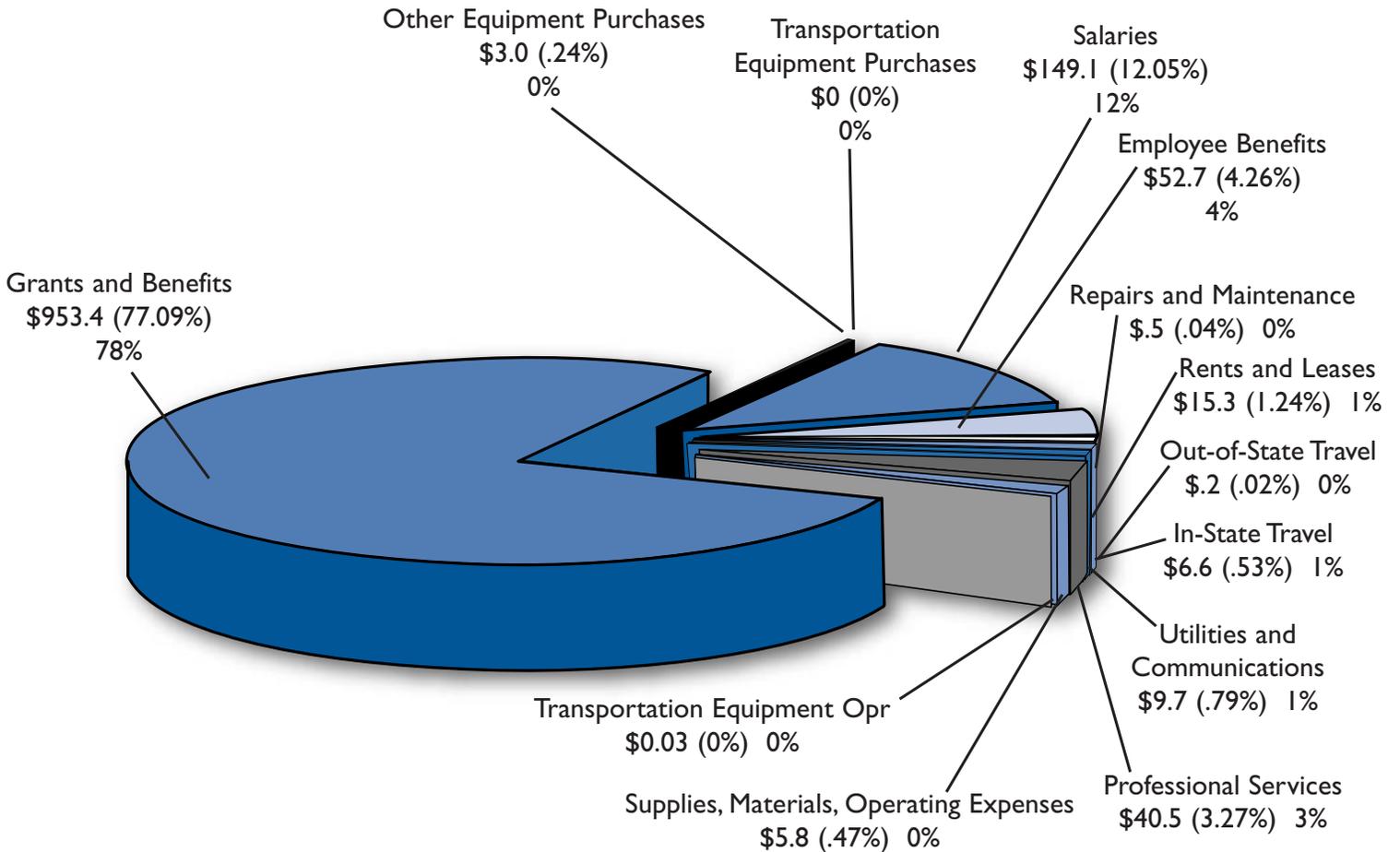
Federal Share of Child Support Collections	\$6,594,926
Federal Title IV-A Funds	(36,410)
Federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	86,327,974
Federal Title IV-B Funds	6,522,799
Federal Title IV-D Funds	36,942,785
Federal Title IV-E Funds	32,890,856
Federal Title XIX Funds	83,402,659
Federal Social Services Block Grant-Title XX	36,325,994
Federal Child Day Care Discretionary Fund	50,154,180
Federal Child Day Care Mandatory Funds	12,331,292
Federal Child Day Care Matching Funds	15,140,769
Federal Refugee Assistance	0
Federal USDA Funds	637,776,274
Federal Child Abuse Grant	428,309
Other Federal Funds	455,475
Local Contract Funds	246,839
Child Support Interest and Fees	421,881
Other Local Funds	0
Adult Services Trust Fund	0

State Funds

General Fund Transfer	\$91,911,833
Education Trust Fund Transfer	7,443,492
Whiskey Tax	28,953,100
ABC Profits	792,264
Beer Tax	10,590,464
Pension Residue	20,773,500
Sales Tax	1,322,000
Sales Tax-Foster Care	500,000
Sales Tax-Food Stamp	30,065,763
Franchise Tax	11,421
Tobacco Tax	3,464,664
Contractors' Gross Receipts	4,891,589
State Share of Child Support Collections	4,780,783
Food Stamp Overissuance	432,172
Other State Funds	1,660,091
Transfers from MNC Agencies	3,232,668
Transfers from MNC Agencies-OUR KIDS	775,686
Children First Fund	12,370,600
Foster Care Trust Fund	20,246
Net Unencumbered Balance	6,957,928

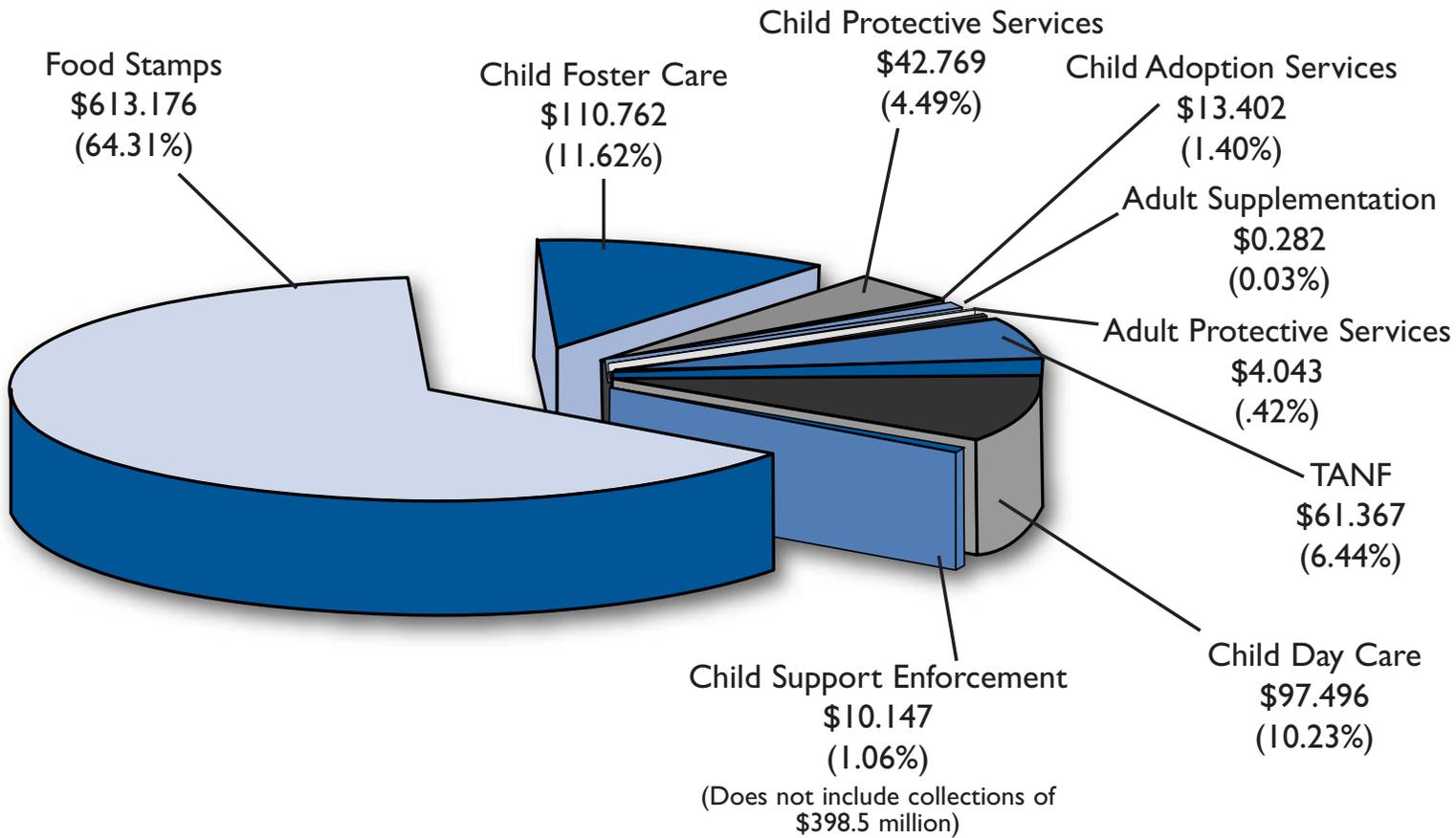
Total Funds Available **\$1,236,876,866**

FY05 EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT



TOTAL EXPENDITURES = \$1,236,876,866
 VALUES = MILLIONS

FY05 GRANTS AND BENEFITS BY PROGRAM



TOTAL EXPENDITURES = \$953,443,639
 VALUES = MILLIONS

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Table 1

CASES UNDER CARE - HUMAN RESOURCES

MONTHLY AVERAGE OF CASES
UNDER CARE FOR FISCAL YEARSMONTHLY AVERAGE OF CASES
UNDER CARE FOR FISCAL YEARS

	OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005		OCTOBER 1, 2003 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2004	
	Number of Cases	Average Payment Per Case 1/	Number of Cases	Average Payment Per Case 1/
		XXX		XXX
GRAND TOTAL	521,307	XXX	509,369	XXX
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	TOTAL 20,906	\$189.43	19,752 2/	\$190.91
State Supplementation:				
Old Age Pensions	146	56.84	178	56.15
Aid to Blind	6	56.36	7	55.70
Aid to Permanently & Totally Disabled	266	56.43	301	56.21
Family Assistance:	20,488	192.14	19,266	194.13
Special Assistance:				
Aid to Refugees.....	0	0.00	0	0.00
NO PAYMENT-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ONLY	TOTAL 144	XXX	172	XXX
SOCIAL SERVICES				
Primary Clients Open for Service	TOTAL 44,515	XXX	46,914	XXX
Payments in Behalf of Individual:				
Child Day Care.....	27,699	242.30	30,028	237.90
Adult Day Care.....	543	200.56	534	202.27
Foster Care 3/:				
Adult Service Fee.....	111	131.23	124	131.65
Foster Care Maintenance Payments 4/.....	1,535 5/	XXX	1,302 5/	XXX
Board Payment.....	(1,535)	371.06	(1,302)	368.15
Specialized Service Fee.....	(39)	45.95	(38)	46.38
Aid to Children in Foster Care.....	2,556 5/	XXX	2,612 5/	XXX
Board Payment.....	(2,530)	346.22	(2,582)	346.27
Specialized Service Fee.....	(90)	47.05	(105)	47.69
Special Care for Children.....	0	XXX	0	XXX
Other Primary Clients Open for Service.....	12,071	XXX	12,314	XXX
FOOD ASSISTANCE	TOTAL 216,417	XXX	197,237	XXX
CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM	TOTAL 239,325	XXX	245,294	XXX

1/ Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

2/ Included 1 Confederate Widows Pension, until May 31, 2004.

3/ Portions of foster care are paid through State Supplementation.

4/ Formerly Aid to Dependent Children - Foster Care (ADC-FC).

5/ Total unduplicated number of children who received board payments and/or specialized service fees.

NOTE: Alabama's AR Program is now administered by Catholic Social Services, Archdiocese of Mobile.

TABLE 2

NUMBER OF CASES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND AVERAGE PAYMENTS BY CATEGORY

OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

MONTH	TOTAL		OLD AGE PENSIONS 1/		AID TO BLIND 1/		AID TO PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED 1/		AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN	
	Cases	Average Payment 2/	Cases	Average Payment 2/	Cases	Average Payment 2/	Cases	Average Payment 2/	Cases	Average Payment 2/
MONTHLY AVG. FOR YEAR	20,906	\$189.43	146	\$56.84	6	\$56.36	266	\$56.43	20,488	\$192.14
October 2004	21,044	191.01	157	56.26	6	56.67	286	56.42	20,595	193.95
November	21,222	191.43	154	56.51	6	56.67	280	56.40	20,782	194.29
December	21,594	191.56	151	56.19	6	56.67	277	56.36	21,160	194.33
January 2005	21,188	189.46	150	56.31	6	56.67	276	56.94	20,756	192.23
February	20,924	189.97	147	56.27	6	56.67	273	56.36	20,498	192.74
March	20,877	188.48	147	56.27	6	56.67	269	56.35	20,455	191.21
April	20,722	187.51	149	55.30	5	56.00	268	56.35	20,300	190.25
May	20,581	188.49	144	56.38	5	56.00	262	56.31	20,170	191.18
June	20,365	187.98	144	56.40	5	56.00	254	56.46	19,962	190.64
July	20,538	188.20	140	56.32	5	56.00	252	56.42	20,141	190.80
August	20,699	189.54	136	56.45	5	56.00	251	56.41	20,307	192.11
September	21,114	189.32	136	63.96	5	56.00	248	56.39	20,725	191.77

1/ State Supplementation for Old Age Pensions, Aid to Blind, and Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled included personal care supplements for children and/or adults in foster homes licensed or approved by the Department of Human Resources.

2/ Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

NOTE: In accordance with Public Law 92-603, a program of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) administered by the Social Security Administration was effective January 1, 1974, for the aged, blind, and disabled. Alabama has a program of supplementation for persons receiving less under SSI than under OAP, AB, and APTD. Data with reference to programs of supplementation as administered by the Department of Human Resources are given here in addition to data for other programs.

TABLE 3

AID TO REFUGEES 1/

OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

The Aid to Refugee Program was mandated by the Refugee Act of 1980. Funded solely with Federal Funds, AR was administered by the Department of Human Resources in a manner similar to FA. Alabama's AR program is now administered by Catholic Social Services, Archdiocese of Mobile.

TABLE 4

**NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS CERTIFIED AS CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
UNDER TITLE XIX BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY**

OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

CATEGORY OF ELIGIBILITY	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS
MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR YEAR	4,365
Old Age Assistance	223
Aid to Blind	5
Aid to Families with Dependent Children 1/	0
Foster Care Maintenance Payments	1,722
Aid to Children in Foster Care	2,102
Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled	312

1/ Administrative responsibility for this program has been transferred to the Alabama Medicaid Agency as of June 1, 2003.

TABLE 5

NUMBER OF CASES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND AVERAGE AMOUNT OF MONTHLY ASSISTANCE PER CASE BY COUNTY

MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

COUNTY	TOTAL 1/		OLD AGE PENSIONS		AID TO BLIND		AID TO PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED		FAMILY ASSISTANCE	
	Average Number of Cases	Average Amount of Assistance 2/	Average Number of Cases	Average Amount of Assistance 2/	Average Number of Cases	Average Amount of Assistance 2/	Average Number of Cases	Average Amount of Assistance 2/	Average Number of Cases	Average Amount of Assistance 2/
MONTHLY AVG. FOR YEAR	20,906	\$189.43	146	\$56.84	6	\$56.36	266	\$56.43	20,488	\$192.14
Autauga	245	185.26	9	66.60	0	0.00	0	0.00	236	189.70
Baldwin	212	188.42	*	56.00	0	0.00	5	53.89	207	191.68
Barbour	173	177.02	7	56.57	0	0.00	1	56.00	165	182.86
Bibb	68	183.49	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	68	183.49
Blount	164	177.96	*	21.50	0	0.00	3	57.41	161	180.43
Bullock	121	179.91	1	56.00	1	56.00	7	57.27	112	189.65
Butler	120	184.06	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	120	184.06
Calhoun	457	185.44	9	52.14	0	0.00	13	58.66	435	191.86
Chambers	210	184.00	1	60.00	0	0.00	5	57.60	204	187.71
Cherokee	103	188.96	1	33.50	0	0.00	0	0.00	102	190.49
Chilton	122	176.75	1	61.29	1	56.00	4	51.50	116	183.52
Choctaw	55	170.84	3	57.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	52	177.37
Clarke	116	180.66	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	60.00	115	181.71
Clay	34	177.72	1	60.00	0	0.00	2	60.00	31	190.09
Cleburne	48	179.96	*	56.00	0	0.00	3	57.33	45	188.97
Coffee	164	181.28	2	56.00	0	0.00	4	56.00	158	186.03
Colbert	92	184.64	3	56.13	0	0.00	0	0.00	89	189.35
Conecuh	88	183.27	1	60.00	0	0.00	*	56.00	87	185.64
Coosa	53	178.79	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	16.00	52	181.93
Covington	158	169.19	4	57.09	0	0.00	4	56.00	150	174.94
Crenshaw	89	175.83	4	53.13	0	0.00	2	49.75	83	184.46
Cullman	195	183.43	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	57.12	192	185.78
Dale	202	185.46	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	202	185.46
Dallas	560	189.36	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	560	189.36
DeKalb	251	178.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	7	56.53	244	182.14
Elmore	239	182.95	*	60.00	0	0.00	4	58.51	235	185.03
Escambia	103	184.25	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	103	184.25
Etowah	217	183.96	3	56.00	1	56.00	9	57.78	204	191.88
Fayette	82	186.09	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	35.10	80	189.23
Franklin	122	182.57	1	56.00	0	0.00	3	46.42	118	187.10
Geneva	89	179.29	1	56.00	0	0.00	2	58.00	86	183.20
Greene	90	184.31	3	55.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	87	188.91
Hale	100	188.57	1	60.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	99	189.87
Henry	71	186.13	2	56.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	69	189.89
Houston	438	188.42	2	56.00	0	0.00	3	53.00	433	189.97
Jackson	153	179.45	2	56.00	0	0.00	6	50.74	145	186.65
Jefferson	3,794	192.27	9	58.56	2	56.00	33	55.84	3750	193.85
Lamar	71	174.47	4	56.00	0	0.00	2	42.21	65	185.50
Lauderdale	177	183.71	0	0.00	0	0.00	6	58.61	171	187.91
Lawrence	115	177.90	2	56.00	0	0.00	5	56.00	108	185.53
Lee	287	184.31	4	58.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	283	185.95
Limestone	159	189.54	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	159	189.54
Lowndes	139	176.78	6	56.65	0	0.00	7	65.63	126	188.63
Macon	258	197.35	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	258	197.35
Madison	889	194.30	2	58.18	0	0.00	6	58.67	881	195.50
Marengo	138	176.87	1	60.00	0	0.00	3	58.59	134	180.24
Marion	91	160.33	11	52.40	0	0.00	2	54.78	78	178.27
Marshall	237	187.04	0	0.00	0	0.00	10	58.40	227	192.70
Mobile	3,021	200.78	7	54.55	1	60.00	23	66.39	2990	202.19
Monroe	80	191.15	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	80	191.15
Montgomery	2,136	195.19	6	57.33	0	0.00	12	46.79	2118	196.42
Morgan	253	182.17	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	40.63	251	183.30
Perry	147	181.33	1	60.00	0	0.00	2	58.00	144	183.88
Pickens	105	176.56	3	57.26	0	0.00	5	58.40	97	186.54
Pike	252	179.73	1	28.50	0	0.00	13	47.64	238	187.73
Randolph	145	181.60	4	49.75	0	0.00	8	70.50	133	192.22
Russell	320	196.95	0	0.00	0	0.00	*	60.00	320	197.02
Saint Clair	254	184.24	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	58.18	249	187.02
Shelby	171	191.71	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	55.60	170	192.71
Sumter	211	181.58	1	56.00	0	0.00	1	56.00	209	182.78
Talladega	324	180.85	2	99.68	0	0.00	11	58.55	311	185.72
Tallapoosa	147	179.87	3	45.00	0	0.00	2	56.00	142	184.45
Tuscaloosa	673	189.32	1	54.20	0	0.00	4	51.48	668	190.31
Walker	150	179.01	*	56.00	0	0.00	7	56.00	143	185.22
Washington	124	186.35	3	60.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	121	189.49
Wilcox	160	176.50	8	60.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	152	182.63
Winston	74	176.79	5	57.60	0	0.00	2	35.75	67	189.92

1/ For the fiscal year 2005, Financial Assistance averaged 20, 906 cases, with payments averaging \$189.43 per case.

2/ Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

* Less than .5.

NOTE: In accordance with Public Law 92-603, a program of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) administered by the Social Security Administration was effective January 1, 1974, for the aged, blind, and disabled. Alabama has a program of supplementation for persons receiving less under SSI than under OAP, AB, and APTD. Data with reference to programs of supplementation as administered by the Department of Human Resources are given here in addition to data for other programs.

TABLE 6

CASES APPROVED AS CATEGORICALLY RELATED AND
ELIGIBLE FOR TITLE XIX BUT RECEIVING NO MONEY PAYMENT 1/

MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

COUNTY	TOTAL	OLD AGE PENSIONS	AID TO BLIND	AID TO PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED
MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR YEAR	144	79	0	65
Autauga.....	3	3	0	0
Baldwin.....	2	1	0	1
Barbour.....	2	0	0	2
Bibb.....	0	0	0	0
Blount.....	1	1	0	0
Bullock.....	1	1	0	0
Butler.....	0	0	0	0
Calhoun.....	9	5	0	4
Chambers.....	0	0	0	0
Cherokee.....	1	1	0	0
Chilton.....	3	1	0	2
Choctaw.....	1	1	0	0
Clarke.....	0	0	0	0
Clay.....	6	3	0	3
Cleburne.....	2	1	0	1
Coffee.....	1	0	0	1
Colbert.....	0	0	0	0
Conecuh.....	2	2	0	0
Coosa.....	1	0	0	1
Covington.....	2	2	0	0
Crenshaw.....	2	1	0	1
Cullman.....	3	1	0	2
Dale.....	2	0	0	2
Dallas.....	0	0	0	0
DeKalb.....	1	0	0	1
Elmore.....	1	0	0	1
Escambia.....	1	1	0	0
Etowah.....	1	0	0	1
Fayette.....	0	0	0	0
Franklin.....	1	0	0	1
Geneva.....	2	2	0	0
Greene.....	2	2	0	0
Hale.....	1	1	0	0
Henry.....	1	1	0	0
Houston.....	3	2	0	1
Jackson.....	2	0	0	2
Jefferson.....	12	4	0	8
Lamar.....	1	0	0	1
Lauderdale.....	1	0	0	1
Lawrence.....	6	4	0	2
Lee.....	0	0	0	0
Limestone.....	0	0	0	0
Lowndes.....	3	2	0	1
Macon.....	0	0	0	0
Madison.....	0	0	0	0
Marengo.....	0	0	0	0
Marion.....	4	4	0	0
Marshall.....	4	2	0	2
Mobile.....	5	3	0	2
Monroe.....	0	0	0	0
Montgomery.....	8	2	0	6
Morgan.....	1	1	0	0
Perry.....	0	0	0	0
Pickens.....	1	1	0	0
Pike.....	4	2	0	2
Randolph.....	2	1	0	1
Russell.....	1	0	0	1
Saint Clair.....	1	1	0	0
Shelby.....	1	0	0	1
Sumter.....	*	*	0	0
Talladega.....	11	9	0	2
Tallapoosa.....	3	2	0	1
Tuscaloosa.....	5	4	0	1
Walker.....	2	0	0	2
Washington.....	0	0	0	0
Wilcox.....	4	2	0	2
Winston.....	4	2	0	2

1/ These Old Age Pensions, Aid to Blind, Aid to Permanently and Totally Disabled cases received no money payment but were certified to the Alabama Medicaid Agency as eligible for Title XIX - Medical Assistance Program.

* Less than .5.

TABLE 7

REASONS FOR DENIAL - FAMILY ASSISTANCE CASES

OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

REASONS FOR DENIAL:	FAMILY ASSISTANCE CASES	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL APPLICATIONS DENIED	18,936	100.0%
No Eligible Child	541	2.9
Resources Exceed Limits	26	0.1
Income Exceeds Standards	3,693	19.5
Recipient Initiative	11,138	58.8
Failure to Comply with JOBS Program Procedures	257	1.4
Undocumented Alien	4	*
Nonresident	108	0.6
Time Limits	93	0.5
Failure to Comply with Applicant Job Search Registration	1	*
Felony Convictions, Fleeing Felons, Residency/Identity Fraud	1	*
Failure to Cooperate with Child Support	69	0.4
Failure to Comply with Child Support/JOBS Program Requirements	6	*
Failure to Meet Other Eligibility Requirements	1095	5.8
Other Disposition:		
Application Withdrawn	1,838	9.7
Unable to Locate or Moved	66	0.3

* Less than .05 percent.

TABLE 8

REASONS FOR OPENING - FAMILY ASSISTANCE CASES

OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

REASONS FOR OPENING:	FAMILY ASSISTANCE CASES	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL CASES OPENED	11,937	100.0%
FINANCIAL/MEDICAL AWARD REASONS:		
Absence of Parent/Spouse.....	8,420	70.5
Illness.....	160	1.3
Layoff or Discharge.....	660	5.5
Reduction or Termination of Contributions	32	0.3
Loss of or Reduction in Other Income.....	516	4.3
Exhaustion or Reduction of Assets to Meet Medical Care Costs.....	7	0.1
Exhaustion or Reduction of Assets to Meet Other Costs.....	376	3.1
Change in Policy.....	3	*
Increased Need for Medical Care.....	6	0.1
Increased Need for Other Requirements.....	35	0.3
Pregnancy.....	0	0
Change in Payee.....	9	0.1
Transferred from Another Assistance Program	2	*
Received Aid in Another County/State.....	47	0.4
Death of Parent.....	12	0.1
Other.....	1,253	10.5
REINSTATED REASONS:		
Request for Fair Hearing.....	9	0.1
Reinstate - Administrative Reason.....	390	3.3
Reinstate - Other.....	0	0.0

* Less than .05 percent.

TABLE 9

REASONS FOR CLOSING FAMILY ASSISTANCE CASES

OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

REASONS FOR CLOSING:	FAMILY ASSISTANCE CASES	
	Number	Percent
TOTAL CASES CLOSED	22,148	100.0%
No Longer Eligible Child	1,164	5.3
Resources Exceed Limits	15	0.1
Income Exceeds Requirements:		
Earnings Increased	6,145	27.7
Benefits or Pensions Increased	409	1.8
Support from Person Inside Home Increased	1	*
Support from Person Outside Home Increased	790	3.6
Requirements Reduced	185	0.8
Moved or Can Not Locate	966	4.4
Recipient Initiative	4,519	20.4
Failure to Meet Other Eligibility Requirements	1,417	6.4
Failure to Comply with JOBS Program Requirements.....	4,042	18.2
Failure to Comply with CHILD SUPPORT Program Requirements.....	1,846	8.3
Failure to Comply with CHILD SUPPORT/JOBS Program Requirements.....	239	1.1
Time Limits.....	409	1.8
Felony Conviction, Fleeing Felon & Residency/Identity Fraud.....	1	*

* Less than .05 percent.

TABLE 10

**SOCIAL SERVICES IN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005**

COUNTY	NUMBER OF PRIMARY CLIENTS 1/
MONTHLY GRAND TOTAL AVERAGE.....	44,515 2/
MONTHLY COUNTY TOTAL AVERAGE.....	44,439
Autauga	273
Baldwin	762
Barbour	172
Bibb	90
Blount	217
Bullock	71
Butler	292
Calhoun	906
Chambers	311
Cherokee	152
Chilton	306
Choctaw	38
Clarke	120
Clay	107
Cleburne	121
Coffee	339
Colbert	318
Conecuh	139
Coosa	96
Covington	317
Crenshaw	94
Cullman	613
Dale	358
Dallas	578
DeKalb	356
Elmore	258
Escambia	212
Etowah	1,267
Fayette	106
Franklin	144
Geneva	308
Greene	85
Hale	102
Henry	155
Houston	1,280
Jackson	280
Jefferson	9,105
Lamar	55
Lauderdale	607
Lawrence	202
Lee	1,150
Limestone	327
Lowndes	139
Macon	502
Madison	2,340
Marengo	150
Marion	85
Marshall	969
Mobile	7,119
Monroe	254
Montgomery	3,396
Morgan	767
Perry	115
Pickens	77
Pike	238
Randolph	181
Russell	618
Saint Clair	464
Shelby	519
Sumter	101
Talladega	1,086
Tallapoosa	349
Tuscaloosa	1,664
Walker	319
Washington	44
Wilcox	81
Winston	73

1/ Based on open primary clients and foster care and adoption children on file for fiscal year 2005.

2/ Includes foster care and adoption children for State Office.

TABLE 11
CHILD DAY CARE
OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

MONTH	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CASE 1/
AVERAGE FOR YEAR	27,699	\$242.30
October 2004	27,292	222.48
November	26,950	233.96
December	27,148	254.05
January 2005	27,189	225.92
February	27,978	218.81
March	28,450	250.26
April	28,628	230.08
May	29,130	241.22
June	28,429	278.20
July	27,776	271.12
August	27,458	245.52
September	25,955	234.35

1/ Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

TABLE 12
ADULT DAY CARE 1/
OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

MONTH	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CASE 2/
AVERAGE FOR YEAR	543	\$200.56
October 2004	555	200.28
November	555	201.38
December	541	202.94
January 2005	546	199.96
February	547	199.06
March	553	197.81
April	512	197.92
May	578	200.61
June	497	199.58
July	563	202.12
August	536	203.45
September	528	201.49

1/ Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation..

TABLE 13
ADULT FOSTER CARE 1/
OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

MONTH	NUMBER OF ADULTS	AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CASE 2/
AVERAGE FOR YEAR 3/.....	111	\$131.23
October 2004	119	132.83
November	121	129.29
December	121	128.82
January 2005	113	130.58
February	110	133.89
March	111	132.54
April	107	129.67
May	108	130.66
June	106	130.98
July	105	132.14
August	108	129.56
September	103	134.22

1/ Portions of Foster Care were paid through State Supplementation.

2/ Payments based on a rate of \$30.00 per month service fees made to the foster homes or \$110.00 per month for specialized foster care. Average payment should not be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

3/ During the fiscal year an additional \$9,720.00 was paid for 29 adults for emergency shelter care, which is a component of adult protective services.

TABLE 14
FOSTER CARE FOR CHILDREN
OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

MONTH	FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS						AID TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE					
	Total Unduplicated			Specialized			Total Unduplicated			Specialized		
	Number of Children Receiving Board Payments and/or Specialized Service Fees	Board Payments		Number of Children	Service Fees 2/		Number of Children Receiving Board Payments and/or Specialized Service Fees	Board Payments		Number of Children	Service Fees 2/	
		1/	Average of Children		Average Per Child	3/		Average of Children	Average Per Child		3/	
AVERAGE FOR YEAR	1,535	1,535	\$371.06	39	\$45.95	2,556	2,530	\$346.22	90	\$47.05		
October 2004	1,323	1,323	373.22	28	49.61	2,636	2,604	349.29	97	45.48		
November	1,492	1,492	369.75	30	49.10	2,547	2,523	346.32	89	47.96		
December	1,519	1,519	372.72	41	41.98	2,484	2,457	345.28	96	44.10		
January 2005	1,499	1,499	373.08	41	46.37	2,494	2,462	344.49	97	48.48		
February	1,416	1,416	371.32	39	45.15	2,563	2,535	346.35	106	47.74		
March	1,453	1,453	366.31	40	44.78	2,633	2,605	344.10	106	46.01		
April	1,477	1,477	373.52	36	47.56	2,594	2,565	349.20	97	46.89		
May	1,568	1,568	368.91	43	41.84	2,596	2,568	346.33	91	46.57		
June	1,623	1,623	372.23	36	42.86	2,587	2,563	343.30	87	49.23		
July	1,674	1,674	368.64	38	48.71	2,465	2,442	350.94	74	47.86		
August	1,689	1,689	370.96	42	46.76	2,533	2,511	343.90	72	47.67		
September	1,689	1,689	372.28	53	48.19	2,542	2,522	345.16	64	47.30		

1/ Includes children under State supervision.

2/ Average specialized service fee computed only for the handicapped children receiving such fee. A maximum of only 129 handicapped children were authorized for specialized service fees.

3/ Not to be used to compute DHR financial obligation.

TABLE 15

CHILDREN UNDER CARE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FACILITIES

CHILD CARE FACILITIES LICENSED OR APPROVED BY STATE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND
OTHER FACILITIES LICENSED OR OPERATING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
YOUTH SERVICES OR OTHER DEPARTMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

The State Department of Human Resources or its duly authorized agent is charged by law with the responsibility of licensing, approving, and issuing 6-month permits to child care care institutions, group homes, child placing agencies, day care centers, and day care homes.

Information is also given for facilities which are licensed or operated by the state Department of Youth Services and report to that department. The figures also include data for maternity homes and hospitals and for Partlow State School.

<u>CHILD CARE FACILITIES LICENSED OR APPROVED BY STATE DHR:</u>	<u>NUMBER OF FACILITIES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CHILDREN</u>
Child Care Institutions	40	728
Group Homes	35	175
Emergency Shelters	11	50
Child Placing Agencies	40	1,390
Day Care Centers	1,301	74,146
 FACILITIES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES:		
Group Homes	4	38
Campuses	3	493
Community Placement/Supervision Program.....	0	0
HIT Programs - Autaugaville/Thomasville.....	2	98
 FACILITIES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES:		
Residential Care Facilities-Short Term	11	78
Detention Facilities	12	606
Residential Care Facilities-Long Term.....	8	99
Campuses	2	100
Camp Programs	7	180
HIT Programs	2	52
Wilderness Programs.....	5	198
Comprehensive Youth Service Centers	16	427
Short-Term Detention Centers.....	6	12

TABLE 16

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

COUNTY	AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND PERSONS PARTICIPATING PER MONTH					
	TOTAL	Households	Public	Non-Public	Total	
			Assistance Recipients	Assistance Recipients		Total Recipients
	TOTAL	216,417	150,925	391,539	542,464	\$608,402,664.64
Autauga	1,671	1,021	3,403	4,424	4,933,937.30	
Baldwin	2,880	1,528	6,533	8,061	10,491,689.27	
Barbour	1,991	1,517	3,650	5,167	5,453,456.31	
Bibb	915	638	1,776	2,414	2,378,059.67	
Blount	1,527	1,043	3,112	4,155	4,260,122.98	
Bullock	899	872	1,456	2,328	2,249,045.73	
Butler	1,451	1,011	2,639	3,650	3,646,013.70	
Calhoun	5,633	3,688	10,303	13,991	15,779,088.56	
Chambers	2,053	1,356	3,766	5,122	5,512,391.67	
Cherokee	1,289	864	2,485	3,349	3,605,143.11	
Chilton	1,900	1,155	3,807	4,962	5,242,255.41	
Choctaw	1,152	758	2,067	2,825	3,215,147.22	
Clarke	2,459	1,257	4,848	6,105	7,121,698.54	
Clay	375	339	578	917	809,577.48	
Cleburne	585	412	1,050	1,462	1,522,500.09	
Coffee	1,580	1,153	3,001	4,154	4,288,505.04	
Colbert	2,545	1,459	4,809	6,268	6,650,626.34	
Conecuh	1,381	953	2,306	3,259	4,379,795.62	
Coosa	473	370	825	1,195	1,155,743.55	
Covington	2,588	1,620	4,542	6,162	7,010,975.76	
Crenshaw	901	680	1,408	2,088	2,163,830.94	
Cullman	2,540	1,597	4,811	6,408	6,703,606.18	
Dale	2,868	1,731	5,557	7,288	7,844,194.03	
Dallas	5,213	4,615	8,618	13,233	14,311,941.69	
DeKalb	2,612	1,774	5,095	6,869	7,189,776.99	
Elmore	2,291	1,701	4,638	6,339	6,863,828.29	
Escambia	2,508	1,381	5,009	6,390	8,997,676.54	
Etowah	4,213	2,897	7,267	10,164	10,287,954.53	
Fayette	1,244	951	1,798	2,749	2,832,096.18	
Franklin	1,702	1,113	2,961	4,074	4,208,516.05	
Geneva	1,408	909	2,648	3,557	3,849,612.28	
Greene	1,033	836	1,783	2,619	2,781,140.49	
Hale	1,066	797	2,104	2,901	2,963,051.25	
Henry	1,095	734	1,801	2,535	2,583,557.54	
Houston	4,622	3,370	8,270	11,640	12,182,771.64	
Jackson	2,552	1,569	4,838	6,407	6,572,658.77	
Jefferson	28,977	22,936	46,941	69,877	76,105,556.54	
Lamar	874	630	1,332	1,962	1,938,511.77	
Lauderdale	3,813	2,196	6,996	9,192	9,816,547.25	
Lawrence	1,488	1,058	2,709	3,767	3,807,130.79	
Lee	3,761	2,208	7,510	9,718	10,356,009.04	
Limestone	2,418	1,252	4,479	5,731	5,825,716.56	
Lowndes	1,462	1,158	2,453	3,611	3,857,154.26	
Macon	2,950	1,677	4,793	6,470	7,254,495.72	
Madison	7,103	4,112	13,230	17,342	18,794,215.48	
Marengo	1,749	1,523	2,720	4,243	4,130,152.11	
Marion	1,778	1,064	3,125	4,189	4,262,462.23	
Marshall	3,476	2,150	6,738	8,888	9,390,130.93	
Mobile	26,544	18,249	50,589	68,838	93,185,679.63	
Monroe	1,387	885	2,832	3,717	5,041,408.78	
Montgomery	15,200	12,097	26,415	38,512	44,178,366.33	
Morgan	3,246	2,032	6,370	8,402	8,981,428.31	
Perry	1,833	1,473	3,010	4,483	4,745,677.96	
Pickens	1,331	1,106	2,344	3,450	3,430,597.56	
Pike	2,468	1,821	3,885	5,706	6,102,591.12	
Randolph	1,308	828	2,556	3,384	3,532,492.77	
Russell	3,427	2,030	6,907	8,937	10,143,693.71	
St. Clair	2,374	1,570	4,642	6,212	6,449,590.19	
Shelby	2,066	1,270	4,045	5,315	5,752,519.27	
Sumter	1,679	1,481	2,458	3,939	4,389,615.69	
Talladega	4,561	3,171	7,831	11,002	11,748,230.25	
Tallapoosa	2,062	1,340	4,024	5,364	5,623,355.90	
Tuscaloosa	7,004	4,938	12,589	17,527	18,588,754.85	
Walker	2,618	1,702	5,058	6,760	7,468,741.87	
Washington	1,133	774	2,081	2,855	3,283,135.67	
Wilcox	2,017	1,806	3,199	5,005	5,346,279.70	
Winston	1,095	719	2,116	2,835	2,830,435.66	

TABLE 17.
CHILD SUPPORT CASES AND COLLECTIONS
OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

MONTH	NUMBER OF CASES	TOTAL COLLECTIONS
<u>AVERAGE FOR YEAR</u>	<u>239,325</u>	<u>\$21,033,764.19</u>
October 2004	239,815	19,685,585.16
November	240,168	21,444,173.98
December	240,101	21,114,616.01
January 2005	240,080	21,273,904.20
February	240,069	20,472,232.31
March	239,813	21,829,370.52
April	239,559	20,518,726.66
May	238,722	21,418,837.22
June	238,411	21,326,519.70
July	238,363	19,876,848.44
August	238,306	22,299,250.38
September	238,530	21,145,105.69

TABLE 18

JOBS PROGRAM

OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) required a state work program for families receiving Financial Assistance (formerly AFDC). This Act repealed the Family Support Act of 1988 which had created the Job Opportunities and Basic Skill Training (JOBS) Program. In Alabama, the name JOBS was kept for the new program. The emphasis of the new law is on work activities and employment of recipients. Child care and other supportive services are available to participants.

MONTH	MANDATORY PARTICIPANTS	NONCOMPLIANT	EMPLOYED	ACTIVE IN WORK ACTIVITIES 1/
October 2004	12,145	1,088	2,840	1,787
November	12,423	1,204	3,010	1,772
December	12,346	1,312	2,876	1,775
January 2005	12,001	1,392	2,857	1,777
February	11,806	1,426	2,952	1,703
March	11,847	1,402	3,107	1,672
April	11,718	1,374	3,151	1,682
May	11,610	1,367	3,105	1,603
June	11,655	1,369	2,937	1,591
July	11,805	1,352	2,973	1,571
August	12,232	1,443	3,194	1,560
September	12,296	1,447	3,339	1,565

1/ Work Activities includes PREP, Community Service, OJT placements, Job Search and Job Readiness activities, vocational education and high school or GED education for select individuals.

TABLE 19.

**SOCIAL SERVICES IN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
NUMBER OF ADULT ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS**

OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

COUNTY	ADULT ABUSE & NEGLECT REPORTS
MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF ABUSE & NEGLECT REPORTS.....	381
Autauga	1
Baldwin	10
Barbour	3
Bibb	2
Blount	2
Bullock	1
Butler	2
Calhoun	17
Chambers	2
Cherokee	2
Chilton	3
Choctaw	1
Clarke	3
Clay	2
Cleburne	1
Coffee	3
Colbert	5
Conecuh	3
Coosa	0
Covington	5
Crenshaw	0
Cullman	15
Dale	2
Dallas	8
DeKalb	7
Elmore	2
Escambia	2
Etowah	25
Fayette	2
Franklin	3
Geneva	5
Greene	1
Hale	1
Henry	1
Houston	6
Jackson	3
Jefferson	52
Lamar	2
Lauderdale	9
Lawrence	3
Lee	7
Limestone	5
Lowndes	2
Macon	5
Madison	19
Marengo	3
Marion	2
Marshall	10
Mobile	32
Monroe	2
Montgomery	22
Morgan	3
Perry	1
Pickens	0
Pike	3
Randolph	2
Russell	7
Saint Clair	6
Shelby	5
Sumter	0
Talladega	9
Tallapoosa	3
Tuscaloosa	7
Walker	5
Washington	2
Wilcox	2
Winston	0

TABLE 20.

**SOCIAL SERVICES IN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
AVERAGE NUMBER OF ADULT FOSTER CARE HOMES**

OCTOBER 1, 2004 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

COUNTY	NUMBER OF ADULT FOSTER CARE HOMES
MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF ADULT FOSTER CARE HOMES.....	155
Autauga	2
Baldwin	4
Barbour	0
Bibb	1
Blount	1
Bullock	2
Butler	5
Calhoun	1
Chambers	0
Cherokee	0
Chilton	0
Choctaw	1
Clarke	1
Clay	0
Cleburne	0
Coffee	8
Colbert	0
Conecuh	1
Coosa	0
Covington	1
Crenshaw	0
Cullman	1
Dale	1
Dallas	1
DeKalb	0
Elmore	1
Escambia	0
Etowah	6
Fayette	0
Franklin	0
Geneva	1
Greene	2
Hale	1
Henry	0
Houston	5
Jackson	1
Jefferson	7
Lamar	0
Lauderdale	1
Lawrence	1
Lee	3
Limestone	1
Lowndes	1
Macon	2
Madison	1
Marengo	0
Marion	0
Marshall	1
Mobile	20
Monroe	0
Montgomery	3
Morgan	8
Perry	3
Pickens	0
Pike	1
Randolph	1
Russell	11
Saint Clair	1
Shelby	1
Sumter	2
Talladega	16
Tallapoosa	2
Tuscaloosa	15
Walker	4
Washington	0
Wilcox	1
Winston	0

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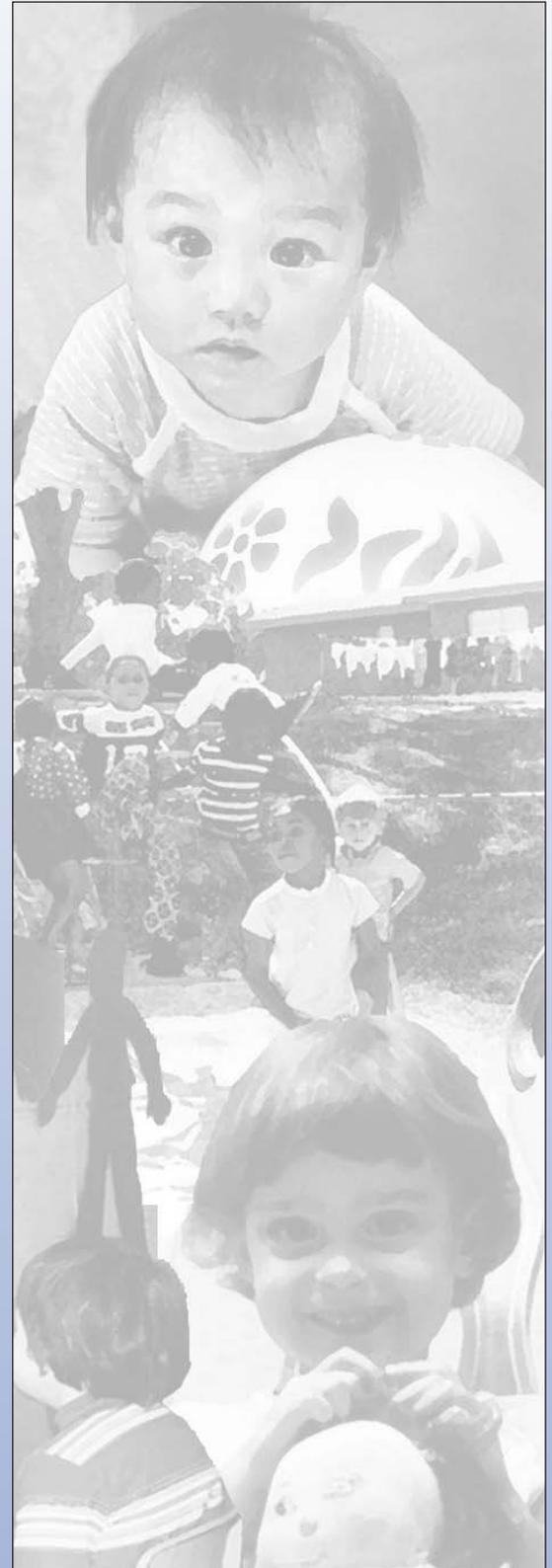
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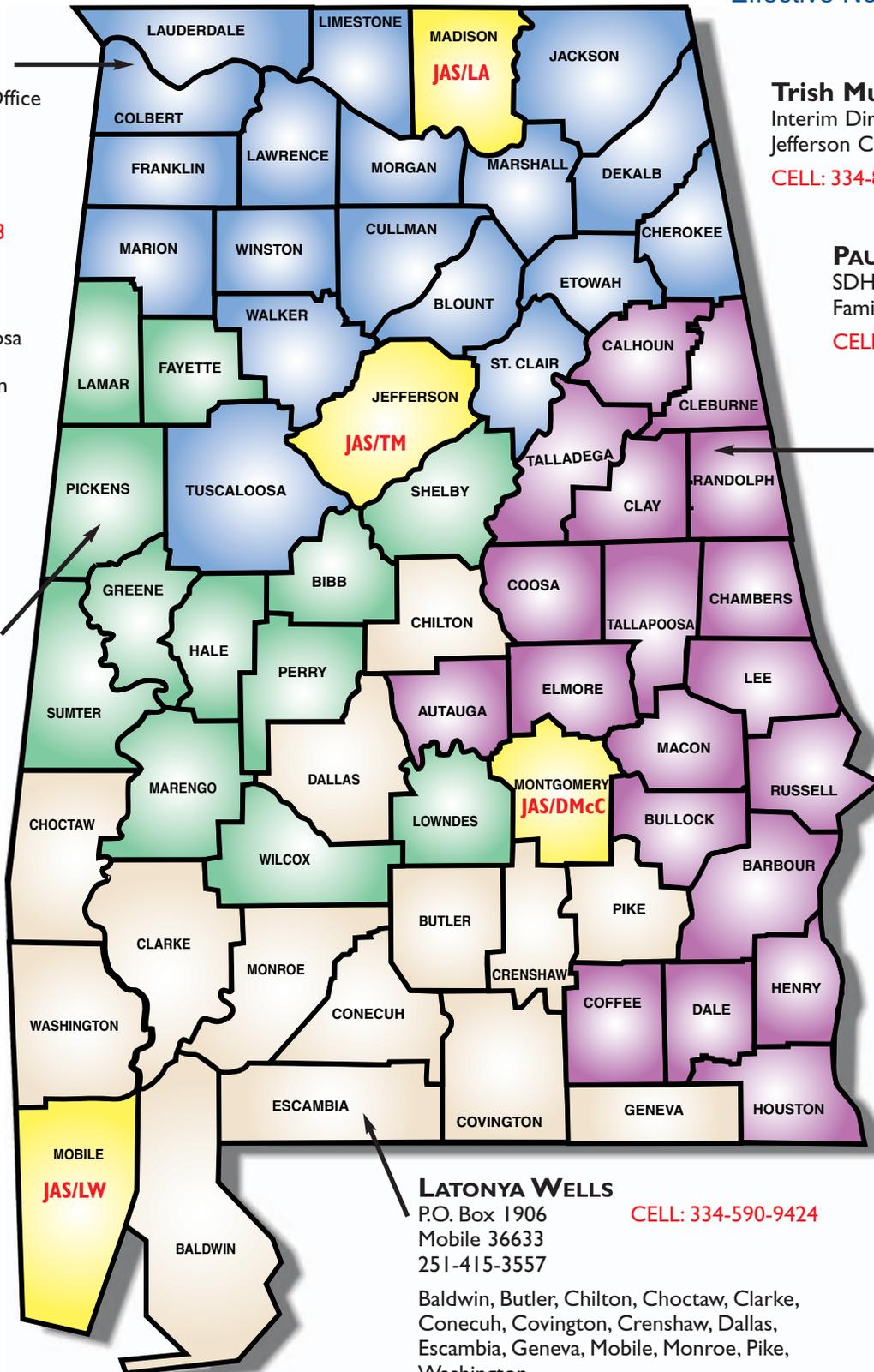
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